

MISSION OBSERVES FEAST OF EASTER

Unique Celebration at Central Union Building.

CONTRAST WITH JOY OF WORLD

Men and Women Who Have Experienced Darker Side of Life Unite in Prayer, and All Are Given Free Dinners and Night's Lodging in Honor of Holiday—Grand Muster.

While joyous Easter services were in progress yesterday in all the churches of the city, with congregations clad in their newest and gayest raiment, solemn religious worship was held, morning and evening, at the Central Union Mission, where many of the less fortunate members of society assembled to gather cheer and consolation from the thought of a better life to come.

One half-faded lily, placed beside the pulpit desk, reminded those present of the advent of Easter, and a single bright, new, worn by a tiny girl, recalled that the world outside was afire in its choicest garments in commemoration of Easter Sunday.

Sixty hungry men were given a free feast of sandwiches and coffee before the evening services, and after they were over about 100 took advantage of the bed and lodging offered them.

J. C. Pratt, treasurer of the board of directors of the mission, conducted the evening worship, and Secretary N. A. Robbins led the prayers. "Whatever your past, place your trust in God and look forward to a glorious, triumphant, and happy future," was the keynote of hopefulness that inspired the assembly of men and women who bore evidence of having experienced the darker side of life.

Soldier Gives Testimony.

One after another, men, white and colored, rose during the evening to give testimony to their change of life. Toward the end of the services, a tall, broad-shouldered stranger, whose voice had several times rung out above the others in singing the psalms, stood erect, and, facing the assembled men like a soldier at attention, gave the testimony of his conversion to the cause of Christ.

"Men, I want to appeal to you for the soldiers of the country," he said. "I am one of them. In my company of 100 men, I am the only one who has received the light of God. I intend to remain in the army and devote my life to converting my comrades. I stand alone in this work, but I am gradually gathering friends about me. As I offer my testimony to you as a stranger here to-night, I ask you all to aid me with your prayers."

"I understand the soldier and know how he can be converted. Often he will not listen to a minister of the gospel, because he looks upon him as earning his living by saying what he does. It is by talking to him individually, and above all, by living the life of a Christian, that he can be induced to enlist in the army of God."

At the end of the services an attempt was made to learn the identity of the soldier evangelist, but he would not tell his name, but said he was stationed with the Coast Artillery at Fort Hamilton.

BENEFIT FOR YOUNG TENOR.

Mary Manning's First Performance to Aid E. A. Hines.

Edward A. Hines, a young Washingtonian whose voice has attracted attention among his friends, will be given a benefit to-night at the Belasco Theater, as Mary Manning gives her first performance of "The Truants" to assist him in pursuing his vocal studies in Italy.

SON AND GRANDSON TOGETHER.

Woman Becomes Mother and Grandmother Same Day.

Worcester, Mass., April 11.—At St. Vincent's Hospital to-day it was admitted that Mrs. Alexander Pluso, of Fishersville, though only thirty-four years old, had become a mother and a grandmother on the same day at that institution last week.

PRIEST RECEIVES THREATS.

Detectives Arrest Man on Charge of Demanding \$2,500.

New York, April 11.—Edward Zalski was arrested at Fourteenth street and Second avenue to-day, charged with writing a threatening letter to Father Valentine Czebanski, pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, of Passaic, N. J., demanding that \$2,500 be left at a certain spot. The priest turned the letter over to the police here.

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TAFT APPOINTS AID'S WIDOW.

Mrs. Leroy Given a Position in Immigration Service.

El Paso, Tex., April 11.—News has been received here that President Taft has appointed Mrs. James A. Leroy, his former secretary's widow, to a position in the government Immigration Service. Leroy was the President's private secretary for many years, but broke down physically in the Philippines. Then he was made a consul in Mexico, but had to leave, and he died recently in the government sanatorium, at Fort Bayard, N. Mex., leaving his wife almost penniless.

ON THE BOARDWALK

Easter Crowd at Atlantic City Numbers 100,000.

NOVEL COSTUMES ARE NOTED

Weather Extremely Cold for the Season, and Wraps and Furs Cover Spring Gowns—Hotels Are Jammed, and Trains in Sections Run Day and Night—City Reaps Profit.

Atlantic City, April 11.—Atlantic City entertained its largest Easter crowd to-day. The great majority of the visitors kept to the plank promenade, and exhibited new spring patterns.

There were probably 100,000 persons here. The boardwalk was packed from rail to rail during the noon promenade hour, and the crowd overflowed on every sort of vehicles to points as far away as Ocean City. The weather was extremely cool, and everybody shivered. Most of the spring dresses were covered up with wraps and furs.

No attempt was made to conceal or disguise the sale of egg noggs and other drinks, which were served out by engaged forces of bartenders in practically every drinking place along the beach front.

Several novel, not to say freakish costumes appeared. One woman wore a striped coat and skirt with wavy lines that made the men doubt the accuracy of the count of their drinks, and think about the water wagon, while bronze shoes an abash skirts were out in such numbers as to prevent the individual wearers obtaining the personal attention which they appeared to covet.

Hotels and Trains Crowded. All of the big hotels were jammed, and some turned away hundreds. Trains in and out of the resort ran in sections all last night and to-day, and the stations were crowded with home-goers to-night.

The crowd was orderly all day, but a big force of reserve police was needed last night to curb the enthusiasm of the several hundred collegians here for the Pennsylvania-Indian game, or the Mask and Wig opening given by the dramatic club of the University of Pennsylvania.

Local statisticians estimate that Atlantic City has taken in more than \$1,000,000 since Friday. The receiving tellers at the banks will be unusually busy to-morrow.

TELLS OF ZELAYA'S INSULTS

J. H. Gregory Reveals Enmity Toward Americans at Nicaragua.

Former Charge d'Affaires at Managua Confers with Secretary Knox—Preparing Report.

John H. Gregory, Jr., former secretary and charge d'affaires of the American Legation at Managua, Nicaragua, has been in Washington for several weeks preparing a report upon political conditions in Nicaragua.

Mr. Gregory was recalled on March 12, because of the strained relations between the United States and Nicaragua, which developed as a result of the negotiations for the settlement of the Emery claim.

Mr. Gregory had several conferences with Secretary of State Knox shortly after his arrival in Washington, in which he gave a detailed account of the treatment he had received in Managua.

The details of his report have never been made public, but it is known that the Nicaraguan government tampered with Mr. Gregory's official despatches, and did other things to harass him.

The post at Managua has not been a comfortable one for the American diplomatic representative for some time. Last summer the Nicaraguan government made it so hot for J. G. Coolidge, then minister there, that he asked to be transferred. The State Department was unable to comply with this request, and Mr. Coolidge resigned from the diplomatic service rather than remain at Managua.

According to letters received at Mobile, Ala., the report that Mr. Gregory was virtually a prisoner at Managua is confirmed.

These letters were from several individuals of reputation in the Nicaraguan capital, and agreed in the particulars of his indignities put upon the American charge.

They said that Mr. Gregory was watched by spies day and night, and that soldiers were at every entrance of his residence. The American Legation, whenever he left the latter he was shadowed, the minions of the Nicaraguan dictator being none too polite in their surveillance, and on many occasions minor officers of the Zelaya government openly insulted the young Louisiana man.

GIANT LOCOMOTIVES BUILT.

Type Which Will Do Work of Three Nearly Ready.

Philadelphia, April 11.—A pair of giant freight locomotives, which not only in size, but strength, eclipse any heretofore built, will be turned out this week from the Baldwin Locomotive Works for the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Each weighs, including the tender, 600,000 pounds, or 300 tons, and is fabricated to do the work of three locomotives of the ordinary consolidation type.

LECTURE AT THE Y. M. C. A.

W. E. Andrews, Auditor of Treasury, Gives a Talk.

"Leadership" was the subject of an address delivered at the regular Sunday men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. building yesterday afternoon, by W. E. Andrews, Auditor for the Treasury Department.

About 150 men, members of the Association and their friends, assembled in the gymnasium to listen to the lecture, and join in the hymns.

Citizens, Messrs. David Solomon, and other Biblical characters as examples, Mr. Andrews pointed out how those who were imbued with the spirit of religion had the qualifications which made them the natural leaders of their fellow-men. The lecture was applauded by the audience.

Largest Morning Circulation.

Delaware Fruit Damaged.

Dover, Del., April 11.—Fruit throughout the length and breadth of the peninsula sustained a serious shock last night, when frost struck the opening buds and tender twigs. It was not a complete freeze, and thus much of the best fruits have escaped irreparable injury.

Negro Lynched in Florida.

Tampa, Fla., April 11.—Henry Mansfield, a negro, was lynched at Arcadia, near this place, last night by a mob which intercepted the sheriff and took the prisoner from him. The lynching was the sequel to an attempted criminal attack upon Miss Mary Ewing.

Eleven Baptized in an Icy Pool.

New Members of Galbraith Church Observe Rite.

MADE THEIR TEETH CHATTER

Rev. Samuel Carruthers Performs the Task Clad in High Rubber Boots and a Black Robe on Easter Morning—Difficulty When Temperature of Water Becomes Known.

A little tadpole that came through the pipes from the Potomac River to the Basin, just southwest of the Washington Monument, known to the children of the neighborhood as the "Swimmin' pool," nestled against one of the bricks yesterday morning at the early hour of 4 o'clock.

The tadpole shouldered its tail, bit savagely at it with its gelatinous teeth, and wished Easter had been warmer, so that the tail might have been shed along with its winter underwear.

While the chilly pollywog was nibbling reminiscently at the cause of its discomfort, it was startled by a violent "Spiggle Plump!"

Along with other brethren of the pollywog tribe, the tadpole scurried for shelter under a protecting jet of cement, and surveyed the situation.

Cause of Commotion.

The initial cause of the commotion was Rev. Samuel Carruthers, pastor of the Galbraith African Methodist Episcopal Church, who was wading into the purling waters, clad in high rubber boots and a big black robe that looked like a bathrobe. The boots, plus their abdominal extensions, reached well up to his shoulders. On the top of his head was a black skull cap, which was becoming in water breast deep at that hour of Easter morning.

The pollywog, having watched Rev. Mr. Carruthers proceed to the river to the Basin, and stand there with an unbecoming attitude that plainly said he was only a certain raider, looked about for other causes of excitement. These were soon evident.

A wagon drew up to the pond, its sides bulging out with a load of eleven persons, all gazing at the pool with a mingled sense of reverence and chill. The wagon disgorged at the brink. Nine women—some older, some younger—made for the women's side of the bath house, while the male contingent, which consisted of Johnnie Coleman, thirteen years old, and Walter Taylor, an adult, made for the other side of the same structure.

In White Draperies.

The pollywog, unaware that a baptismal ceremony was about to be pulled off, lost interest, and was about to take another nibble at its nearly-ripe tail, when the door of the bathhouse flew open, and a group of spectral figures emerged. The nine women were clad entirely in white draperies. Brother Taylor and Johnnie Coleman were dressed in black robes, like Rev. Mr. Carruthers.

The first woman chosen stepped barefoot down the brick steps into the pool, until she stood in the water breast deep. The hand of Rev. Mr. Watson, official conductor of the baptismal pool, was placed in hers, and she was led up to Rev. Mr. Carruthers. Leaning far backward, with the latter's arm supporting her, she bent until her face touched the flood (temperature 55 degrees). Then, with a ringing "Hallelujah!" from her, Rev. Mr. Carruthers forced her from view, submerged her, blotted her from view, ducked her head, and the frigid water, until the hair stood on the heads of the spectators.

And so it went with the rest of the women—Miss Emma Grishy, Mrs. Virginia Collier, Miss Laura Williams, Mrs. Odie Cisco, Miss Myrtle Hill, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Lizzie Scott, and Ida Whitely—until the pastor in the high boots came to Mrs. Elizabeth Devan.

Back of the Monument.

Mrs. Elizabeth Devan had been one of the prime movers in the S. M.—Potomac River—back of the Washington Monument baptism. But when the time came for her to climb down the steps into the water, she suddenly remembered that she had already been sprinkled on the forehead, and had therefore, been legitimately baptized. This business of going down into Easter morning water, all over, with the temperature flirting with the zero mark, lost its charms as her bare foot dipped beneath the surface, and felt for the first brisk step.

Mr. Watson reached a purple-blue hand for hers, and led her into Rev. Mr. Carruthers. She attempted to back away, but her spinal column had congealed and suffered a permanent "set." It was a case for heroic measures, if she was to be properly ducked. Rev. Mr. Carruthers was equal to the occasion. With a thrust of his right arm he put her under again, this time so far that she came up zigzagging, emitting bubbles that made the auditor gasp at its jet of cement feel ashamed of its lung capacity.

When Mrs. Elizabeth Devan finally reached the surface she took one look at Rev. Mr. Carruthers, and the neighborhood for the steps, while the neighborhood just southwest of the Washington Monument resounded with her "Hallelujahs!"

The men were taken next, and stood their respective baptisms with solemn nonchalance. Even little Johnnie Coleman went in without a whimper, although his eyes rolled for one last look at the budding trees as the strong arm of the pastor impinged on his throat and pushed him down.

They Harried Home.

When it was all over and the dripping white and black robes had been changed for street garments, the group crowded back into the wagon and made tracks for home and black coffee.

In order that no interruptions might interfere with the ceremonies, Mrs. Mary E. Shaw was put in charge of the arrangements with the outdoor baptism, and first conceived. With an eye for thoroughness, Mrs. Shaw made a special trip to the Commissioners, and got their say-so that the pool was all right, and the waters of the Potomac efficacious for baptismal purposes.

Citizens Meet To-night.

The Howard Park Citizens' Association will hold its first annual election of officers this evening at 8 o'clock in the Church of Our Redeemer, Eighth street, near Barry place northwest. The association will consider the public needs of the locality and public school matters as they relate to the Mott Public School.

Historical Society To Meet.

The Columbia Historical Society will hold its 16th meeting to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock in the banquet hall of the Shoreham. The communication of the evening by Miss Cora Bacon Foster, will have for its title "History of Kalorama." The public is invited to attend.

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